

SEMINOLE COUNTY COMMUNITY  
TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM  
March 22, 2011 Minutes

Dan Smutz, ASPD  
John Hamel, SPD  
Pete Brenenstuhl, SCSO  
Jim Ganey, FDOT  
Joe Stewart, FDOT  
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Christina Fogt-Boulnois, VHB, Inc  
Shad Smith, SCE

Robert Ladoczky, LPD  
Jim McKenna, LPD  
Will Maxwell, WSPD  
Mike Blinn, SCTE  
James Roark, SCPS  
Mark Medei, FHP  
Dwayne Walker, OPD  
Robin Butler, SCTE  
Terri Touchton, SCTE  
Tung-Lung Cheng, MetroPlan Orlando

Robin opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. and introductions were made.

Robin requested review of minutes, noting we were waiting for clarification from JoJo Sturm, SCSO on one item. It was noted that Robert Ladoczky's last name was misspelled. Robert Ladoczky made motion to approve the minutes, with noted modifications and Jim McKenna seconded.

**Old Business:**

Will Maxwell thanked everyone who worked the Bike Week Safety Booth at Seminole Harley Davidson between March 4 – 13th and noted the event went well.

- The CTST will set up a traffic safety booth at Thunder on the River and at Biketoberfest, both at Seminole Harley-Davidson in October.
- There are still "Protect Your Melons" T shirts available for \$15 each. Robin noted that the T-shirts were very well received and the helmet stickers were a huge success.
- Robert Ladoczky advised he saw one of the electronic billboards and Robin advised she would send a thank you note to Harry Barley's daughter for assistance with the digital billboard space.
- Will advised the team that Colleen Jarrell's husband was involved in a motorcycle crash the last day of bike week (13<sup>th</sup>). He was hit by DUI driver and suffered a broken collar bone, several fractured ribs, a bruised lung and lost a kidney. He was 24 hours waiting to be moved to ICU because of 22 other motorcycle crash victims in ICU, all on ventilators with brain drains. The CTST is sending a card to the family.
- Robert Ladoczky mentioned that possibly for Thunder on the River and Biketoberfest some PSA's could be developed for radio and television. Robin noted that was a good idea and that Sandy Cannon, SCSO wants to participate in planning for the next events.
- There was a brief discussion regarding doing something for youth bike helmets, in the same vein, possibly "protect your pumpkin".

Pete Brenenstuhl covered the Bike Week Enforcement Activities, noting the Seminole County Bike Week related motorcycle fatalities on SR 46 and on Ronald Reagan@ SR 417. Over 200 citations were issued during the Enforcement wave.

Ronnie Gregory advised the Red Light Confirmation Light operation did not provide huge results and he believes that the RLR problem has decreased due to the public believing that the RLCL's are cameras.

**New Business:**

Jim Ganey gave an Operation Lifesaver presentation and discussed Train Safety Awareness Week, which is April 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, with the following noted:

- Requested information related to specific intersections where support is needed during Train Safety Awareness Week. It was noted that Old Lake Mary and Airport Blvd. would be a good location.
- There will be a TSAW Operation Lifesaver top officer award this year.
- Local LE can write tickets for trespassing on RR ROW.
- New MUTCD Specifications require RR's to have blue/white placard indicating emergency number and crossing number.
- New MUTCD Specifications also require stop or yield signs to be posted at passive crossings.
- Law requires motorists to wait until crossing gates are all the way up and lights are off before proceeding.
- "No Train Horn" signs will be posted in quiet zones.

Jim McKenna noted numbers from TSAW were low last year. There was a discussion regarding the grade crossings at Old Lake Mary and Palmetto, Old Lake Mary and Airport and other grade crossings. John Hamel stated that there were issues in Sanford (17-92 and 13<sup>th</sup> Street specifically) with crossing gates going down and Jim Ganey noted there is a project to replace signals there. Robin requested Jim Ganey forward her a list of all RR grade crossings in Seminole County. April 20<sup>th</sup> will be the TSAW enforcement activity with educational materials distribution the week prior.

**Traffic Fatality Report:**

Mike Blinn reviewed 4 2011 traffic fatality reports. There was also discussion regarding the crash report form and information (or lack thereof) provided.

**Problems/Solutions Report:**

Shad reviewed the report, noting the following:

- Ronald Reagan & Bay is still under review, PBSJ to make changes and will get to Mark/Charlie next week.
- Eagle Circle/Sterling Park Elementary – Mike noted Dana Chester, SCPS is looking at all the school related issues.
- Rangeline Rd. at Devonshire Rd. – Shad will write a recommendation from RSA reference this situation.
- 46A & Upsala - Left turn yield green is in place.

**Announcements:**

- Lake Mary High Mock DUI is March 31<sup>st</sup> @ 9:55 a.m. (rehearsal is March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 1:45 p.m.)
- Trinity Prep Mock DUI is April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9a.m. (rehearsal is April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 3 pm)
- Train Safety Awareness Week is April 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- CPS check up event with Health Department on April 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to noon – need every available tech to participate in this event. There will be approximately 50 installations.
- October 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 2 pm in conjunction with Child Passenger Week (hopefully at SFD Public Safety Building).
- There will be a CPS Certification class in November.

Discussion, at question from Shad, regarding distribution of bicycle helmets and Robin noted that the Epilepsy Foundation usually provides Seminole County Safe Kids Coalition approximately 100 bicycle helmets in April and they are distributed through the municipalities for distribution amongst the schools. Natosha noted that 3 school zone awareness events have been completed and the next one will be on April 19<sup>th</sup> (Altamonte Elementary to private school at Palm Springs) and May 17<sup>th</sup> (Bentley Elementary).

Jim McKenna advised of dip in SR 434 EB at Grant St. that is rough on motorcycle riders and Robin requested he complete a problems and solution form.

Pete advised that VP Biden will be in town tomorrow and assistance is needed for trip from OIA to Winter Park.

Joe advised that Statewide Minority Task Force will have campaign in Osceola and Seminole and will forward the date to Robin. Joe also discussed the Statewide Teen initiative that Allstate Foundation and National Safety Council facilitated last week.

There was a brief discussion regarding children 6 and older now being allowed to ride in back of truck.

Reynolds' Right Hands , the committee of students from Crooms Academy of Information Technology is now working on approval for a specialty license plate and are headed to Phoenix for the National Lifesavers Conference to promote Reynolds' Right Hands.

Robin advised Tung-Lung she needs to get with him regarding Driver Education data. After reminding team of the T shirts for sale for \$15 and thanking those who assisted with the bike week booth (especially Will for his resolve during the week), the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, April 26, 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at Lake Mary Police Department, located at 165 E. Crystal Lake Drive.